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- ☐ a statement as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e);

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D. ☒ **Statement or its equivalent under 37 CFR §1.97(e)**

- ☐ A copy of a dated communication from a foreign patent office showing that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within 3 months of the filing date on the communication and is being provided in lieu of a statement under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1) as provided for under MPEP 609.04(b) V.

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Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication, from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, that was received by an individual designated in §1.56(c) not more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. This statement is made under 37 CFR §1.704(d) to avoid reduction of the period of adjustment of the patent term for Applicant(s) delay.

F. ☒ **Copies of documents being submitted under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)**

The content of the Information Disclosure Statement is as follows:

- ☐ Copies of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are enclosed herewith.
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- and/or
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- ☐ Copies of pending unpublished U.S. patent applications are enclosed as specified in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(iii).

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- ☐ The information disclosure statement submitted in the earlier application complied with paragraphs (a) through (c) of 37 CFR §1.98.

I. ☒ **Fee Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-referenced fees of \$180.00 and charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 180582.

Respectfully submitted,
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